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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago the preliminary majority was up 1 cent from Monday's final majority with sentiment barely steady to steady. In New York and Los Angeles majority prices were unchanged with the market tone noted as generally steady. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. Food service trading was moderate to good with Fast food ads stimulating movement. Supplies of 4 pound birds were available, with lighter sizes sufficient in the East, but usually desirable and clearing in the Southern areas. In the parts structure, best interest was noted on wings. Bone-in breast were irregular ranging from ample to premiums paid for additional product. Boneless/skinless breast were reported as fully adequate, other items were usually sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were irregular, but mostly desirable.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 10/16-10/20/00 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A (Including branded product)			COMPOSITE	
AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Chicago	47.00-51.00	46.00-64.00	49.60	25
Los Angeles	66.00			
New York	44.00-47.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	59.00-62.00	51.00-65.00	61.35	82

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRERELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
565	58.50-62.75	61.37
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	148.00	4,100
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.00	1,115
THIGH MEAT - B/S	82.50	715
LEG QUARTERS	29.50	8,135
WINGS	69.50	2,721

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into Chicago were 1 cent higher from last Monday. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment about steady. Additional offerings light for an unresponsive trade interest. Movement into all channels was seasonally slow to occasionally fair at best with instances of good demand into fast food outlets in Chicago. Floor stocks balanced to ample and a few receivers were adjusting orders in order to maintain balance. Weights were desirable. In the parts complex, wings and tenderloins were trading at a moderate pace, mostly light demand noted for whole breasts, leg quarters were slow to clear and boneless/skinless breasts movement was light to instances moderate. Supplies of wings and tenderloins were balanced to short of needs, whole breasts mixed, leg quarters available and boneless/skinless breasts remained fully adequate to too heavy. Sentiment steady to instances firm on wings, tenderloins and whole breasts steady to fully steady, barely steady to weak on leg quarters and boneless/skinless breasts.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trading reported for next week's deliveries on regular commitments at mainly unchanged prices with new negotiations at higher prices. The market tone was steady to firm. Offerings in fair balance. Retail demand moderate overall. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone was firm on bone-in breasts and generally steady on leg quarters. Ads noted: Southern California - California grown whole body 75 and whole cut-up 69-129, leg quarters 29, wings 99, thighs 79-159, drumsticks 77-159, bone-in breasts 89-179, boneless breasts 167-229, boneless leg meat 99-108, boneless thigh meat 149, roasters 99 and cornish hens [twin pack] 149-199; Northern California - bone-in breasts 199, boneless breasts 249-399, roasters 99 and individually quick frozen 4 pound bag party wings 549.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Buying interest on whole broiler/fryers increased entering the weekend ranging fair to instances fairly good. Offerings of the larger sizes were at least adequate to available, however, the 3.5 pound sizes were usually better balanced with 4 pound birds in the longer position. The lighter weights were generally adequate to well cleared. The market tone was generally steady. Bone-in breasts remained closely balanced, however, boneless/skinless breasts were fully adequate to available. Dark meat items were more than sufficient with drums building at some locations.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Sentiment steady to fully steady, instances firm. Demand fair to moderately good aided by fast food and retail features. Supplies in good balance to often well cleared on all sizes. Wings continued to maintain the best movement with supplies close balanced to short, and dark meat usually sufficient for the light interest. Breast items mixed, but mostly limited to tight and clearing. In production areas, live supplies moderate at mostly desirable weights.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of whole birds increased slightly entering the weekend and was mostly moderate. Seller Offerings were adequate and in good balance on the 3 pound and lighter weights; adequate to fully adequate on the larger sizes. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 47 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Bone-in breast were in close balance to tight. Wings continued to clear well. Other items were fully sufficient for trade needs.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	43-71
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	50.82
NO. OF BOXES	14,092
CUMULATIVE	50.14
	10/11/99-10/15/99
NO. OF BOXES	67,778
	10/11/99-10/15/99
	48,298

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

OCTOBER 12, 2000

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCTOBER 13, 2000

OCT 12, 2000					OCT 13, 2000						
ITEM	POUNDS			WTD	ITEM	POUNDS			WEEKLY		
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	703	125.00-194.00	145-150	151.39	587	128.00-194.00	145-155	146.67	2,673	147.23	
TENDERLOINS	166	215.00-255.00	220-225	224.82	55	215.00-255.00	220-225	233.18	332	229.34	
BREAST - LINE RUN	90	73.00-76.00	72-75	73.42	115	73.00-78.00	73-75	74.59	508	74.72	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				360	71.99	
LEGS	46	33.00-48.00	33-35	34.96	46	33.00-48.00	34-36	34.96	186	35.10	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	476	24.00-28.50	25-27	25.77	566	24.00-28.50	25-27	25.70	2,288	25.69	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,310	27.00-31.00	29-30	28.97	1,320	27.00-31.00	28-30	28.84	4,345	28.98	
WINGS (WHOLE)	126	65.00-69.00	65-68	67.48	TOO FEW TO REPORT				346	68.55	
WINGS (CUT)	620	80.00-99.00	81-83	83.26	309	82.00-99.00	82-84	83.28	2,054	83.56	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				TFEWR		
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				TFEWR		
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				118	67.46	
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS						
TRADING FOR OCT 12, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR OCT 13, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.						
	<u>RANGE</u>		<u>TODAY'S</u>			<u>RANGE</u>		<u>TODAY'S</u>		<u>5-DAY</u>	
			<u>AVERAGE</u>					<u>AVERAGE</u>		<u>AVERAGE</u>	
	47.00 - 52.25		49.39			47.00 - 52.25		49.35		48.94	

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest increased entering the weekend and ranged fair to fairly good. Supplies of bone-in breasts were usually sufficient for regular commitments, however, premiums continued to be noted where additional product was sought. Active interest continuing to center around wings kept product well balanced. Boneless-skinless breasts remained fully adequate and available at discounted levels, and the balance of items were at least sufficient. Movement into retail and distributive channels was moderate to fairly good at times. The market tone was fully steady on bone-in breasts and wings, no better than steady on boneless-skinless breasts, and about steady on the balance. ICE PKD B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO 1ST RCVRS IN POOL TRKLT & TRKLT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB. **10/13/00**

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	10/12/00	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS	WEEKLY		
	TRADING*	AVG**					TRADING*	AVG**		WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	130-135	134.34			592,520		130-135	130.93	848,220	133.44	3,552,130	
TENDERLOINS	185-190	212.33			155,160		185-190	215.65	224,520	214.27	898,700	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	61-62	70.41			337,800		63-64	70.34	367,920	68.38	1,799,360	
BREAST - LINE RUN	61	65.76			91,880		63	67.82	181,200	65.57	860,000	
LEGS	35-36	40.11			261,840		35-36	39.11	325,360	39.51	1,401,400	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27-28	28.41			556,508		27-28	28.46	570,797	28.48	2,939,654	
DRUMSTICKS	25-26	36.21			189,570		25-26	35.81	220,970	35.33	1,045,040	
THIGHS	27-28	33.45			202,630		27-28	35.27	188,330	31.90	1,112,640	
B/S THIGHS	77-78	82.82			55,400		77-78	82.48	77,440	82.78	310,740	
WINGS (WHOLE)	67-68	76.09			406,440		67-68	76.75	444,600	76.26	2,103,920	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.04			106,960		10-12	12.03	125,200	12.02	556,360	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	44.76			51,820		40-45	44.98	107,780	44.74	442,405	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	55.68			124,440		55-60	55.38	133,760	55.47	595,490	

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG)* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG		AVG	
	10/13	10/12	10/11	10/10	WTS	10/11	10/10	10/06
ALA	3,848	3,806	3,858	3,928	4.75	5.12	3,995	5.09
ARK	5,388	5,213	5,220	5,115	4.89	4.97	5,269	4.73
DELMARVA	2,128	2,349	2,386	2,292	5.08	5.02	2,294	5.03
KY-LA-TN	1,846	1,924	2,031	1,942	4.39	4.45	1,960	4.39
MISS	2,822	2,851	2,741	2,750	5.08	4.90	2,926	5.01
NC	2,609	2,651	2,615	2,629	5.80	6.01	2,492	5.74
TEXAS	2,161	2,179	2,182	2,062	4.77	4.79	2,252	4.51
TOTAL	20,802	20,973	21,033	20,718	4.96	5.03	21,188	4.95
MON-FRI	103,700(A)						104,231(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 13 & 14-Oct 00 is estimated to be 31,122,000 down 0.16 percent from a week ago and up 1.9 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 30,541,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 14-Oct-00 is estimated to be 151,752,000 head down 1.4 percent from a week ago, and down 1.0 percent from a year ago (Last week 153,977,000 Last year 153,293,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	82-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	72
DUCKS	129
RABBITS-WHOLE	284
RABBITS-CUT UP	289

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	102-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	106-112
HENS OVER 5#	94
DUCKS	149-165

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Sept. 30, 2000 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

	THOUSANDS		
Head	30,162	33,451	41,850
Avg Weight	3.80	4.75	6.10
% of total /1	29%	32%	40%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	31,637	36,677	39,739
Avg Weight	3.65	4.75	6.09
% of total /1	29%	34%	37%
Same week, yr ago /2	28,439	34,687	46,784
Avg Weight	3.82	4.73	6.11
% of total /1	26%	32%	43%
To date/2000	1,289,943	1,296,883	1,571,738
To date/1999	1,249,155	1,219,195	1,595,789

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 07-Oct-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHTHEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	153,977(A)	1,796	1,538	3,334
AVG WT	5.16	3.45	7.94	5.52
LAST WEEK	155,386	1,792	1,513	3,305
YR AGO	153,081	1,831	1,652	3,483
AVG WT	5.06	3.36	7.80	5.47
TO-DATE/2000	6,189,919	76,658	57,903	134,561
TO-DATE/1999	6,069,572	83,893	56,170	140,063

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 150.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 155.8 million head or 4.9 million head more than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: OCT 10, 2000

	RANGE		RANGE	
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.70 - .92	Silkie	2.50 - 3.75ea.	
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.70 - .90	Silkie	1.50 - 3.00ea.	
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.40 - .64	Geese 9-14 LBS	.20 - .32	
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 - .82	Pigeons	1.50 - 2.00ea.	
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.60 - .86	White Pigeons	1.50 - 1.85ea.	
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.50 - .94	Rabbits 4-6 LBS	.60 - 1.02	
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.50 - .92	Rabbits 7-11 LBS	.60 - .94	
Guinea Fowl	1.25 - 1.75	Bunnies	.50 - 6.00ea.	
Banty Roosters	2.50 - 5.50ea.	Guinea Pigs	.25 - 1.50ea.	
Banty Hens	2.00 - 3.50ea.	Kid Goats	10.00 - 24.00ea.	
Leghorn Hens	.14 - .24	Doves	3.00 - 4.50ea.	
Leghorn Roosters	.20 - .32	Pullets 4-6 LBS	.60 - .84	

Total Coops Sold 704

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY for THE WEEK OF 09-OCT-2000

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	121-125	122-126
MOSTLY	121-123	122-124

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	66-67	
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	60-83	67-75

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remained unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was fairly good. Schedules were full-time. Sizes were desirable. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.65-5.35, boneless legs at \$2.80-2.95, bone in leg at \$1.45-1.70, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, and leg quarters at \$1.15-1.28, livers at \$1.25-1.50.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 09-OCT-2000

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	121-123	124
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

	WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
SEPTEMBER	2	159.9	151.1	106	4.80
	9	136.5	148.8	92	4.87
	16	162.8	149.4	109	4.94
	23	157.0	150.2	105	5.03
OCTOBER	30	157.3	150.2	105	4.96
	7	155.8	150.9	103	5.16
YEAR TO DATE		6267.6	6150.4	102	
OCTOBER	14		150.8		
	21		151.5		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	THOUSANDS				
W/E	10/14/00	10/07/00	% CHG	10/16/99	% CHG
Broilers	151,752	153,977*	-01	153,293*	-01
Cattle	696	706	-01	711*	-02
Hogs	2,003	1,952	+03	2,096*	-04

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL. Majority prices were unchanged on light canners, and irregular on heavies when compared to a week earlier. Supplies were less available on lights but still sufficient for most needs on heavy canners. Demand was unaggressive but still in a range of fair to good. Undertone was usually reported as steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25-26 MAJORITY 25	25-28 MAJORITY 26-27.75
	27.75

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25-27 MAJORITY 25	26.75-31 MAJORITY 27-29

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN. Prices were unchanged. Offerings were short to about adequate for reduced processors needs. Processing schedules will be less than normal to about normal for next week as supplies decreased in availability. Demand was unaggressive but fair. Finished product sales were clearing but interest was no better than fair. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN. Trading was too few to report. Demand was light to moderate at best for adequate offerings of leghorn fowl. Finished sales were fair with schedules normal for seasonal needs. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN. All prices were unchanged. Offerings of live hens adequate to fully adequate for the moderate demand. Slaughter schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

HEAVY	RANGE	MAJORITY
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(2)

LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0	(1)
Eastern Light	0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0-.25	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN. Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for offerings that were adequate to fully adequate for trade requirements. Processing schedules were reported as usually normal for next week. Supplies of canners were clearing. The market tone was mixed but usually steady at some lower adjusted levels.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN. Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for sufficient offerings of spent hens. Sales of dressed and further processed hens were fair with scheduling normal at kill plants. Trade sentiment was about steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN. Plants worked near desired schedules. Offerings increased.

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